

**HOPE VALLEY/WYOMING FIRE DISTRICT  
996 MAIN STREET  
HOPE VALLEY, RI 02832**

**ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING  
JUNE 30, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**Those present:** Board Members: Chairperson, Pasquale DeBernardo, Vice-Chairperson, Elwood Johnson, Paul Schaarschmidt, John Weeden; Chief, Justin Lee; District Clerk, Julie Kelley

**Those not present:** Board Members: Georgia Ure; Treasurer, Deborah Nictora; Tax Collector, Susan Bok

A final copy of the FY July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 budget was presented to the board.

The meeting commenced and was called to order by Chairperson, Pasquale DeBernardo at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

This meeting was called to have the annual budget hearing for FY July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and present the proposed budget to the public prior to the Annual meeting. The budget was adopted by the board at the monthly board meeting held on June 9, 2016. This meeting tonight is to present this budget to the public and hear any comments regarding the budget.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. William Day commented that he did not understand why Acct. # 7120 – Protective Clothing was reduced by \$5,000.00. Chief Lee explained that for the past few years that line item has been under budget and brought it more in line for this year. Mr. Day commented that he felt his gear was not in compliance with NFPA standards, in particular his helmet and boots. Chief Lee commented that the gear is all in compliance. Chief Lee commented that there were fifteen (15) new helmets that he could use to replace his outdated one.

The total budget for FY July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 for the District is \$819,176.00 of which \$789,179.00 is to be raised by taxes, an increase over last years budget of \$22,570.00 or approximately 2.9%.

Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the Annual Budget for FY 2016 – FY 2017 in the amount of \$819,176.00 of which \$789,179 is to be raised by taxes and present it at the Annual District Meeting to be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr. Weeden seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Schaarschmidt-yes; Mr. Weeden-yes

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Schaarschmidt. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Schaarschmidt-yes; Mr. Weeden-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelley  
District Clerk